



More than A secretary - A special tribute to our Adminstrative Assitant Lynn Stover.

So many times we think of that Person who sits up front, at a desk, who greets customers, answers telephones...and sometimes we assume keeps the coffee hot!

Well some of things are true and are often part of what we expect that the role of a secretary should be. However, Lynn Stover was much more...a true Administrative Assistant so vital to the workings of a Weather Office), a loyal co-worker and friend to us all.

Although never taking her for granite, we could always rely on Lynn's help (day or night) to help with all our administrative need... professional and/or personal. Lynn was like a big sister, a good listener, and real palto us all.

It is was sadness that I write this, yet with great pleasure to be able to share with You readers this tribute to Lynn Stover.

Lynn Stover passed away at her home Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at age 53. She was born in Joplin, Missouri, to Duane and Laura Lee Spalsbury. She attended schools in Safford, Arizona, graduating high school in 1968. She attended Northern Arizona University. Lynn moved to Somes Bar, California, in 1972. There she met her husband, Joseph Paul Stover. Lynn and Joe enjoyed 30 wonderful years together. She worked for the Forest Service and most recently the National Weather Service from 1996 until 2003.

In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting and playing games, reading, and trying new recipes in the kitchen. Lynn will be remembered most for her loving care of her family and friends.

## Tropical Atmosphere Ocean Project (TAO)

Wildfires, droughts, floods, and other ecosystem-disrupting events result from swing in ocean temperature in the Equatorial Pacific. The temperature variations created conditions know as La Nina,, which is characterized by unusually cold ocean temperatures, and el Nino characterized by usually warm ocean temperatures. Measuring these variations and disseminating them to the scientific community worldwide is central to anticipating and managing potentially catastrophic climate changes.

Through a network of 70 buoys moored deep in the ocean, the Tropical Atmosphere Ocean project at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration transmits vital oceanographic and meteorological data to ground station in real time via satellites. The dat are then posted to a continuously updated Web site available to the public.

The importance of the data provided by the TAO project is evident in the 22 million hits the web site received last year and the more than 100,000 customized data files the project provided to reseachers.

## Did ya know!

Eskimos have many names for snow. Here are some and a guide to pronouncing them:

Aniu (pronounce an-e-YOU); falling snow  
Apun (a-PYUN); snow on the ground  
Mauja (mow-YA); deep, soft snow  
Pukak (pu-CACK); snow that can cause avalanches  
Qaliq (ka-LEEK); snow that collects on trees  
Qannik (con-EEK); snowflake  
Upsik (OOP-sick); compacted snow